

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hypoallergenic cleansing, cosmetic, conditioning or dermatological composition for treating skin or hair is provided which contains serum albumin in an amount effective to achieve cleansing, conditioning, wound debriment, or other beneficial cosmetic or dermatological purpose for skin or hair, along with a suitable cleansing, conditioning, cosmetic, antibacterial or dermatological agent, vehicle, carrier or excipient. The compositions may be in any suitable form for treating skin or hair, such as a soap, shampoo, cream, oil, lotion, gel, gel-based ointment, and the like. The serum albumin compositions are preferably prepared using human serum albumin produced by recombinant means, and such compositions are useful in that they allow the albumin to be absorbed in the surface of skin or hair so as to replenish the structure of these tissues when utilized as a cleansing, cosmetic or dermatological agent. The compositions of the present invention will provide cleansing, cosmetic or dermatological compositions that can be used safely and effectively with reduced likelihood of allergic reaction.